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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005, claims 1-10 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112 for the reasons cited therein; claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9 as anticipated by Kristen (US 3,071,206); rejected claim 8 as anticipated by Kristen; rejected claim 10 as anticipated by Williams (US 5,746,289); rejected claim 2 as obvious in view of Kristen in combination with either Heun (US 1,508,392) or Walker (US 6,851,518 B1); and rejected claim 4 as obvious in view of the combination of Kristen and Layher (US 4,426,171).

In response to the Office action, Applicant is submitting amendments to the claims. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant is believed to have traversed all the rejections, and requests that the Examiner remove the rejections, and pass the application to allowance.



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